

Technical Consultancy Organisations (TCOs) and suggest measures to be adopted for their revival and growth. The consultant is expected to submit the report by September, 2000.

(c) and (d) Action would be initiated by IDBI, in consultation with other sponsoring institutions and the concerned State Governments after the report from the consultant has been received. The study covers North-Eastern region as well and specific recommendations relating to the North Eastern region would be considered by the IDBI and other sponsoring institutions upon receipt of the report.

Amendments to the Major Port Trusts Act

† *405. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(e) whether Government propose to amend the Major Port Trusts Act for mobilising the resources and whether the participation of private sector or joint venture will be encouraged by this amendment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) No, Sir. For mobilising private investment in major ports, no amendment to Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, is necessary. The Major Port Trusts (Amendment) Act, 2000, which has received the assent of the President on 9th June, 2000 has a provision which enables private sector participation in major ports through formation of Joint Venture with the respective Port Trust.

(b) Does not arise.

Mechanism for protecting internet contents

*406. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has asked for evolving a mechanism to protect internet contents; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.